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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 10126.4B

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF LEATHER FLIGHT JACKETS

1. Purpose. To prescribe the inventory and management policy and procedures for the control and accounting of leather flight jackets.

2. Cancellation. OPNAV Instruction 10126.4A.

3. Background. The Chief of Naval Operations has designated the traditional leather flight jacket as a clothing item for U.S. naval aviators. To prevent problems of the past, strict controls over procurement, stockage, issuance and disposition must be implemented and scrupulously maintained.

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4. Policy. Leather flight jackets are authorized for issue and wear only by U.S. naval aviators (pilots and naval flight officers (NFOs)), naval flight surgeons, and enlisted aircrewmen who are qualified to wear aircrew wings. Records of issue shall be maintained in the individual's Flight Personnel Training and Qualification Jacket. Audit agencies will be requested to audit flight jacket issue controls at appropriate intervals.

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5. Procedure. Issue, requisition, and disposition of leather flight jackets will be as follows:

a. Issue. Jackets will be issued to Naval Academy graduating seniors who have selected naval aviation as their career speciality, to U.S. undergraduate pilots/NFOs upon completion of Aviation Officer Candidate School (AOCS) or Aviation Indoctrination (AI), to U.S. naval flight surgeons upon completion of the academic portion of the flight surgeon training program, and to U.S. enlisted aircrewmen (Marine aircrewman with primary MOSS 6031, 6032, 617X, 7371, 7372, 7381, 7382) upon completion of Naval Aircrewman Candidate School.

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NAS Pensacola will maintain cognizance over all initial flight jacket issues to students of the Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Aerospace Medical Institute and the United States Naval Academy. Naval Supply Center (NSC) Pensacola will issue all other flight jackets.

- R) b. Requisition. NAS Pensacola will requisition jackets from NSC Pensacola in sufficient quantities to support issues to authorized students at the Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Aerospace Medical Institute and the United States Naval Academy. All other initial and replacement jackets will be requisitioned from the single Navy requisition point, NSC Pensacola, by letter, signed by the squadron/station/activity commanding officer. The letter must list the name, rank (rate/rating/MOS), accompanied by a completed requisition (DD 1348 (6 part) or DD 1348M). Remarks section of requisition must contain name, rank (rate/rating/MOS), and social security number of recipient. For other than initial issue, turn-in of the old jacket to NSC Pensacola or Report of Survey action (DD Form 200) is required.

- A) c. Disposition. Final disposition of the jackets will be as follows:

- A) (1) Personnel qualified to be issued and wear a leather flight jacket may retain their jacket when separating or retiring from the Naval Service under honorable conditions.

- A) (2) Personnel not meeting the requirements of paragraph 5(c)(1) will turn-in their flight jacket.

- A) (3) Check-out procedures for departing personnel will include disposition of their jacket.

6. Action

a. Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command

- (1) Arrange with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) for the wholesale stockage of leather flight jackets at a single, non-Navy stock point.

- R) (2) Institute procedures with the DLA so that all requisitions for leather flight jackets originating from other services or from Navy activities other than NSC Pensacola are rejected.

- R) (3) Designate NSC Pensacola as the only authorized Navy stock point.

- (4) Assign Security/Pilferage Code "V" to the leather flight jacket.

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(5) Ensure that NSC Pensacola institute procedures to remove the inside flap of the jacket on which is stenciled "U. S. Navy" and any other government markings, if any, prior to turn-in to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO). (R)

(6) Ensure that stock points forward turn-ins of leather flight jackets to NSC Pensacola for screening and disposition. Include with each jacket a DD 1348-1 (with 4 copies) annotated with the name, rank (rate/rating/MOS), and social security number of the individual turning-in the leather flight jacket. (R)

(7) Institute procedures with DLA to preclude the reutilization screening period for these jackets and forbid the reutilization of the jackets by other Navy or military activities, including foreign militaries. (A)

(8) Arrange for the appropriate security procedures for any shipment of these highly pilferable jackets. (A)

(9) Include flight jacket issues in the Fleet Material Support Office Quarterly Report of Organizational Issue Materiel. (R)

(10) Ensure that proper supply and security discipline relative to flight jacket management is exercised at NSC Pensacola, including setting stock levels, establishing screening and disposition procedures, and developing strict requisition, receipt, and issue controls. (A)

(11) Forward to each squadron and station commanding officer, a copy of the authorization letter for issue of a leather flight jacket annotated to show requisition filled, so commanding officers can validate authorizations and complete command records. (A)

(12) Update appropriate supply publications with these procedures and controls.

b. Commanding Officer, NAS Pensacola. Requisition, issue and account for all jackets issued to the authorized midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy, to authorized students at the Naval Aviation Schools Command and to authorized students at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute. (A)

c. Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy. Provide NAS Pensacola via a personally signed letter the names and social security numbers of the graduating seniors who are authorized leather flight jackets. Ensure procedures are established to maintain proper accountability for flight jackets issued to Naval Academy graduating seniors, to include entry in the Record of Flight Equipment Issue (OPNAV 3760/32B) contained in the individual's Flight Personnel Training and Qualification Jacket. (A)

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- A) d. Commanding Officers, Naval Aviation Schools Command and Naval Aerospace Medical Institute. Provide NAS Pensacola via a personally signed letter the name, rank (rate/rating/MOS) and social security number of the students authorized issuance of a leather flight jacket.
- e. Commander, Naval Air Systems Command. Update appropriate allowance lists with these procedures and controls.
- R) f. Squadron/Station/Activity Commanding Officers
- (1) Ensure that all requisitions for leather flight jackets are for bonafide recipients and that each accompanying letter is personally signed. For other than initial issue, the old jacket or Report of Survey action (personally signed by the commanding officer) or cash collection voucher discussed in paragraph 6f(5) must accompany the requisition.
- R) (2) When an officer/enlisted aircrewman is issued a leather flight jacket, ensure that an entry is made in the Record of Flight Equipment Issue (OPNAV 3760/32B) contained in the individual's Flight Personnel Training and Qualification Jacket. When the issue is made as a result of a survey, the survey number will also be entered.
- A) (3) For personnel described in paragraph 5(c)(1) provide a report of disposition letter including the name, rank (rate/rating/MOS), and social security number of the individual departing or retiring from the service to NSC Pensacola.
- R) (4) Recover leather flight jackets from officers/enlisted aircrewmen leaving the Naval Service as defined in paragraph 5(c)(2) or complete a Report of Survey (DD 200). Forward the jacket, stripped of all insignia and patches, to NSC Pensacola for disposition. Include with each jacket a DD 1348-1 (with 4 copies) annotated with the name, rank (rate/rating/MOS), and social security number of the individual turning-in the leather flight jacket.
- R) (5) Immediately upon discovery of a loss, determine if there is evidence of negligence, willful misconduct, or deliberate unauthorized use. If the research results show positive evidence, designate an officer to initiate a Report of Survey (DD 200) unless the responsible individual voluntarily consents to reimburse the Government. In the case of voluntary reimbursement, a copy of the collection voucher will be used to support adjustments to the records.



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